Portable solar power plant

871. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2797 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th December 1985 and state:

(a) whether the operation and other costs of portable solar power plants developed by Indian and Soviet scientists have since been examined; and

(b) if so, what is the possibility of their being put into commercial production?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The available operating data in the small unit built laboratory conditions is being analysed. A review meeting of Indian Scientists concerned is being held on the 10th March 1986 followed by a joint meeting of Indian and USSR Scientists to decide on the future course of development.

Price hike of petroleum products

,872. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:
SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Mmister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenment are aware of the fact that there is a countrywide strong dissatisfaction amongst all the sections of people due to price-hike in kerosene, diesel, petrol and all othei- petroleum products by Government;

(b"> what are the reasons for increasing the prices of petrol and petroleum products;

(c) whether Government propose to hring down the prices of petroleum and its products to the level as it was before the recent increase; and

(d) whether Government propose to further reduce the prices of these products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (d) The main reasons for increasing prices were the need to raise additional resources for the plan and contain the rapid growth in the consumption of the petroleum products and curtail the value of imports. Taking into account the popular sentiment in this regard, the prices were reduced with effect from 6-2-86.

Periodical survey for supply of cooking gas

873. SHRI L. GANESAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any periodical survey is being conducted in order to find out the causes for the delay in supplying cooking gas cylinders to consumers in the country by the distributors in the past;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the survey;

(c) if no, whether Government propose to conduct survey in the neai future in order to identify the reasons for delay in supply of cogking gas tq consumers;

(d) how many complaints have been received in the past three years about delay in supply of gas cylinders, yearwise and State-wise figures; and

(e) whether there is an increase in the number of complaints and the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) A backlog is supply of LPG refills occurs occasionally in some areas mainly due to inadequate bottling capacity, transportation bottlenecks, industrial relations problems of distributors etc. Year-wise and State-wise details of complaints received from consumers are not maintained. All complaints regarding delay in supply of refills are investigated and urgent remedial action is taken. There has been an increase in the backlog since January, 1986 mainly in the Northern part of the country owing to inadequate bottling at some bottling plants.

Kanal Gaon Thermal Power Project

874. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land for the Kahal Gaon Thermal Power Project has been acquired by the Bihar Government and transferred to the prcjcet authority;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to the delay in the acquisition ot land the work of the Kahal Gaon Thermal Project has hot made any progress; and

(c) if the answe$_r$ to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the constraints irt th$_e$ speedy execution of the project- whether Government have already given money to the Bihar Government to acquire land for the proiect; und what steps Government have taken to complete the project in time?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) Of the 3200 aere, of land requisitio ned by the Nationa[1] Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) for the Kahal-gaon Super Thermal Power Project in Bihar, the State Government have so far handed ovei- an area of 828 ac res to the NTPC who hai Ked tho necessarr funds with the State authoritie +'o$_r$ acouisition of land. Handing over of the bulk of the land during current year will be necessary for timely execution of the project.

Construction activities have already commenced at the Project site and site levelling work for the main plant area has been awarded. The work of developing infrastructural activities at the site i$_s$ also progressing. The first unit of the project is scheduled to be commissioned, in 1990-91.

Chronic power shortage *in* Delhi

875. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it i$_s$ a fact that Delhi suffers) from the gap pow$_e$p shortage and if so, what is the gap between its requirement nnd the supply in Delhi;

(b) what ar$_e$ the anticipated figures, for the annual requirement of) power in Delhi and the supply until 1990 and details of the measures beins; taken, if any, to bridge the gap;

fc) what are the detaih. of the power losses in Delhi because of different factors such as faulty transmission lineg and unauthorized usage: and

(d) the measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Govt, to reduce these losses?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE). (a) No, Sir. There is no power shortage in Delhi.

(b) A$_s$ per 12th Annual Electric Power Survev in Delhi, the Peak power requirement of Delhi at the end of 7th Five Year Plan ie. 1989-90 is expected to be 1373 MW. To meet the increased demand, DESU is installing gas turbine unit? of 30 MW each and 2 thermal units of 67.5 MW each. National Capital Region